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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 November 2005.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5,7-17 and 29-32 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5,7-17 and 29-32 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's election of group I (claims 1-5, 7-17 and 29-32) in the reply filed on 11/14/2006 is acknowledge. Since applicant did not provide any argument about restriction. Thus, Applicant's election of group I is treated as without traverse. The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

Claims 1-5, 7-17 and 29-32 are pending in this Office Action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14, 29-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The claimed limitation "and/or" in claim 1, line 4 on page 2; claim 2, line 2 on page 2; claim 4, line 4-8 on page 2; in claim 5, page 3, line 2; in claim 8, page 3, line 3-8; in claim 9, page 3, line 2; in claim 11, page 3, line 2; in claim 12, page 4, line 3; in claim 13, page 4, lines 4-6; in claim 14, lines 4-5, page 4; in claim 16, page 4, line 4; in claim 29, lines 6-10, page 7, in claim 30, page 8, line 2; in claim 31, page 8, lines 5-9; in claim 32, page 8, line 1, is unclear whether applicant want to point out.

Claim Objections

3. Claim 11 is objected to because of the following informalities: On page 3, line 2, the word "use" should be written "user". Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 1-5, 8-17, 29-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Vincent (US 4881179) in view of Barnett et al (or hereinafter "Barnett") (US 6369840).

As to claim 1, Vincent teaches the claimed limitations:

"receiving an input for a first of a plurality of time-periods of a first party's calendar from a second party" as receiving a non-owner or a user first enters the start time and end times of the event being calendared into columns 47 and 48 of a owner's L.M. The owner L.M is represented as a first party. The non-owner is represented as a second party (col. 9, lines 30-32; col. 10, lines 22-30),

"the first and second parties being different parties" as the non-owner or a user and the owner are being different owners (col. 9, lines 30-32; col. 10, lines 22-30),

"having a plurality of access privileges for the time-periods of the first party's calendar" as having a plurality of access levels for periods of the owner's calendar (col. 53-67; col. 10, lines 1-15);

"processing said received input in accordance with the access privilege of the

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second party's associated group affiliation and/or user type for the first time period" as a non-owner who has requested a view of the day calendar of L.M. User that was shown in figs. 4A and 4B. The requesting non-owner has an access level of 3 so that all time periods having calendared events are shown and all descriptions except secret and personal are displayed. The above information shows that the system process user's input. The non-owner is not associated with group affiliation and/or user time (col. 53-67; col. 10, lines 1-15).

Vincent does not explicitly teach the claimed limitation "second party's associated group affiliation and/or user type; the second party being associated with a group affiliation and/or a user type, and the group affiliation and/or user type".

Barnett teaches a user can set up a group calendar, specifying the members in the group, where every group member can access the calendar and make changes to it. Different levels of access can be specified for different member members of the group (col. 2, lines 61-64).

It would have been obvious to a person of an ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to apply Barnett's teaching of a user can set up a group calendar, specifying the members in the group, where every group member can access the calendar and make changes to it. Different levels of access can be specified for different member members of the group to Vincent's system in order to allow a user to share selected calendar information with other users of a group in a security level access.

As to claim 2, Vincent and Barnett teaches the claimed limitation subject matter 1, Barnett further teaches the claimed limitation “defining, before said receiving, the access privileges of the group affiliation and/or user type, for the plurality of time-periods of said calendar” as a user can set up a group calendar, specifying the members in the group, where every group member can access the calendar and make changes to it. Different levels of access can be specified for different member members of the group (col. 2, lines 61-64).

As to claim 3, Vincent teaches the claimed limitation “wherein the access privileges include a first access privilege with an ability to read data of said first time-slot, and an ability to write data into the first time-slot” as (figs. 4A and 5).

As to claim 4, Vincent teaches the claimed limitations:

“receiving a request for calendar entry or entries for a first of a plurality of time-periods of a first party's calendar, wherein the request is submitted by a second party associated with a group affiliation and/or a user type” as a non-owner who has requested a view of the day calendar of L.M. User that was shown in figs. 4A and 4B. The requesting non-owner has an access level of 3 so that all time periods having calendared events are shown and all descriptions except secret and personal are displayed. The above information shows that the system process user's input. The non-owner is not associated with group affiliation and/or user time (col. 53-67; col. 10, lines 1-15),

“the first and second parties being different parties” as non-owner is different from the calendar’s owner (col. 10, lines 20-30) and

“ and/or user type having a plurality of access privileges for the plurality of time-periods of the first party's calendar” as non-owner such as administrative assistant or secretary having a plurality of access levels to a owner calendar for the plurality of time-periods of the owner’s calendar (col. 9, lines 53-67; col. 10, lines 20-38),

“selectively providing calendar entry or entries for the first time-period, in accordance with the access privilege of the group affiliation and/or user type for the first time period” as providing calendar entry for the start time and end time in accordance with access level of 3 of a non-owner. This owner can be secretary or administrative assistant. This providing is accordance with the access privilege of a user type such as secretary or administrative assistant type and not accordance with the access privilege of (col. 10, lines 20-38).

Vincent does not explicitly teach the claimed limitation “group affiliation”. Barnett teaches a user can set up a group calendar, specifying the members in the group, where every group member can access the calendar and make changes to it. Different levels of access can be specified for different member members of the group (col. 2, lines 61-64).

It would have been obvious to a person of an ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to apply Barnett’s teaching of a user can set up a group calendar, specifying the members in the group, where every group member can access the calendar and make changes to it. Different levels of access can be specified for

different member members of the group to Vincent's system in order to allow a user to share selected calendar information with other users of a group in a security level access.

As to claim 5, Vincent teaches the claimed limitation "defining, before said receiving, the access privileges of the group affiliation and/or user type, for the time-periods of said calendar" as displaying to a non-owner who has requested a view of the day calendar of LM. The requesting non-owner has an access level of 3 so that all time periods having calendared events are shown and all descriptions except secret and personal are displayed. The calendar owner allow a specified person to have access to his calendar at a specified security level which may be different that the general access level that has been assigned to that person by the system. This function allows a calendar owner to grant access to his calendar to an administrative assistant or secretary. The above information shows that the system defines time periods of the calendar. The system does not define the access privileges of the group affiliation (col. 10, lines 20-40).

Vincent does not explicitly teach the claimed limitation "group affiliation". Barnett teaches a user can set up a group calendar, specifying the members in the group, where every group member can access the calendar and make changes to it. Different levels of access can be specified for different member members of the group (col. 2, lines 61-64).

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It would have been obvious to a person of an ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to apply Barnett's teaching of a user can set up a group calendar, specifying the members in the group, where every group member can access the calendar and make changes to it. Different levels of access can be specified for different member members of the group to Vincent's system in order to allow a user to share selected calendar information with other users of a group in a security level access.

As to claim 8, Vincent teaches the claimed limitations:

"designating by a computer system a plurality of access privileges to a plurality of time-periods of a first user's calendar for a user group and/or user type" as designated a plurality of access levels to a plurality of time periods of a owner's calendar for an administrative assistant type and not for a user group (col. 9, lines 52-67; col. 10, lines 1-10),

"granting and/or denying access by the computer system to a first of the plurality of time-periods to said second user in accordance with the access privilege for the first time-period of the user group and/or type determined for said second user" as grant access to a owner's calendar of the plurality of time-periods in accordance with access level 3 for the start time period of user type and not the user group (col. 10, lines 20-40).

Vincent does not explicitly teach the claimed limitations “user group; determining by said computer system that a second user being a member of said user group and/or type”. Barnett teaches a user can set up a group calendar, specifying the members in the group, where every group member can access the calendar and make changes to it. Different levels of access can be specified for different member members of the group (col. 2, lines 61-64).

It would have been obvious to a person of an ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to apply Barnett’s teaching of a user can set up a group calendar, specifying the members in the group, where every group member can access the calendar and make changes to it. Different levels of access can be specified for different member members of the group to Vincent’s system in order to allow a user to share selected calendar information with other users of a group in a security level access.

As to claim 9, Vincent does not explicitly teach the claimed limitation “wherein said second user has a user identification identifiable to the user group and/or type”. Barnett teaches a user may elect to login at this point by providing input specifying a login identifier and password. This allows system 100 to retrieve user-specific information, by reference to a record stored in database 104 of the system. If the user has not used the system before, he or she is prompted to sign up in 302, by selecting a login identifier and password for future reference. A new record is created and stored for the user. The user is also given the option of signing up in a group using the

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group sign-up page 304, which allows the user to share his or her calendar with other members of selected groups. Page 303 contains a description of groups and their operation (col. 7, lines 45-67).

It would have been obvious to a person of an ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to apply Barnett's teaching of a user may elect to login at this point by providing input specifying a login identifier and password. This allows system 100 to retrieve user-specific information, by reference to a record stored in database 104 of the system. If the user has not used the system before, he or she is prompted to sign up in 302, by selecting a login identifier and password for future reference. A new record is created and stored for the user. The user is also given the option of signing up in a group using the group sign-up page 304, which allows the user to share his or her calendar with other members of selected groups. Page 303 contains a description of groups and their operation to Vincent's system in order to allow a non-owner to access a owner's calendar for update owner's calendar.

As to claim 10, Vincent does not explicitly teach the claimed limitation "reading into said computer system said second user's user identification and said access privileges". Barnett teaches a user may elect to login at this point by providing input specifying a login identifier and password. This allows system 100 to retrieve user-specific information, by reference to a record stored in database 104 of the system. If the user has not used the system before, he or she is prompted to sign up in 302, by selecting a login identifier and password for future reference. A new record is created

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and stored for the user. The user is also given the option of signing up in a group using the group sign-up page 304, which allows the user to share his or her calendar with other members of selected groups. Different access can assign to different member of group. Page 303 contains a description of groups and their operation (col. 7, lines 45-67; col. 2, lines 60-65).

It would have been obvious to a person of an ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to apply Barnett's teaching of a user may elect to login at this point by providing input specifying a login identifier and password. This allows system 100 to retrieve user-specific information, by reference to a record stored in database 104 of the system. If the user has not used the system before, he or she is prompted to sign up in 302, by selecting a login identifier and password for future reference. A new record is created and stored for the user. The user is also given the option of signing up in a group using the group sign-up page 304, which allows the user to share his or her calendar with other members of selected groups. Page 303 contains a description of groups and their operation to Vincent's system in order to allow a non-owner to access a owner's calendar for update owner's calendar.

As to claim 11, Vincent teaches the claimed limitation "including the computer 'system facilitating said first user in providing said use group and/or type, and said access privileges" as providing a plurality of access levels to a plurality of time periods of a owner's calendar for an administrative assistant type and not for a user group (fig. 5, col. 9, lines 52-67; col. 10, lines 1-10).

Vincent does not explicitly teach the claimed limitation "user group".

Barnett teaches a user can set up a group calendar, specifying the members in the group, where every group member can access the calendar and make changes to it. Different levels of access can be specified for different member members of the group (col. 2, lines 61-64).

It would have been obvious to a person of an ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to apply Barnett's teaching of a user can set up a group calendar, specifying the members in the group, where every group member can access the calendar and make changes to it. Different levels of access can be specified for different member members of the group to Vincent's system in order to allow a user to share selected calendar information with other users of a group in a security level access.

As to claim 13, Vincent teaches the claimed limitation

"facilitating the second user in inputting data into the first time-period, the user group and/type having an access privilege to the first time-period including an ability to write data into the first time period" as receiving a non-owner or a user first enters the start time and end times of the event being calendared into columns 47 and 48 of a owner's L.M. The owner L.M is represented as a first party. The non-owner is represented as a second party. The above information shows that the user (not user group) having an access privilege to write data into the start time period (col. 9, lines 30-32; col. 10, lines 22-30).

Barnett teaches a user can set up a group calendar, specifying the members in the group, where every group member can access the calendar and make changes to it. Different levels of access can be specified for different member members of the group (col. 2, lines 61-64).

It would have been obvious to a person of an ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to apply Barnett's teaching of a user can set up a group calendar, specifying the members in the group, where every group member can access the calendar and make changes to it. Different levels of access can be specified for different member members of the group to Vincent's system in order to allow a user to share selected calendar information with other users of a group in a security level access.

As to claim 13, Vincent teaches the claimed limitation "wherein said calendar includes an event that spans the first and at least a second time-period, and the method further comprises said computer system omitting descriptive data of said event when said second user accesses said first time period, if said user group and/or type does not has read access to all of said at least a second time-period, even if said user group and/or type has read access to said first time-period" as (figs. 4A-5).

As to claim 14, Vincent does not explicitly teach the claimed limitation " including the computer system facilitating the second user in editing data for- the first time-period, creating an event record for the first time-period, inserting data into the first time-period,

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deleting data from the first time-period, and/or deleting an event record from the first time-period in accordance with the user group and/or type's access privilege for the first time-period". Barnett teaches the user can select individual event categories and/or subdivisions for display in Favorite Events pages 313-315. Selecting an event category in this manner is referred to as "subscribing" to the event category. Favorite Events pages 313-315 display selected events in either a Day View 313, a Week View 314, or a Month View 315. Pages 313-315 allow a user to select individual events from the selected categories, to be added to the personal calendar. The user can also access an Edit Favorites page 316 which allows him or her to add or remove categories and/or subdivisions from display in favorite Events pages 313-315. The user can set up a group calendar, specifying the members in the group, where every group member can access the calendar and make changes to it. Different levels of access can be specified for different members of the group. The user can also import events from other users' calendars. In addition, purchases of products, services, or tickets can be effected using links associated with displayed events (col. 2, lines 55-67; col. 8, lines 30-40).

It would have been obvious to a person of an ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to apply Barnett's teaching of the user can select individual event categories and/or subdivisions for display in Favorite Events pages 313-315. Selecting an event category in this manner is referred to as "subscribing" to the event category. Favorite Events pages 313-315 display selected events in either a Day View 313, a Week View 314, or a Month View 315. Pages 313-315 allow a user to select

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individual events from the selected categories, to be added to the personal calendar. The user can also access an Edit Favorites page 316 which allows him or her to add or remove categories and/or subdivisions from display in favorite Events pages 313-315. The user can set up a group calendar, specifying the members in the group, where every group member can access the calendar and make changes to it. Different levels of access can be specified for different members of the group. The user can also import events from other users' calendars. In addition, purchases of products, services, or tickets can be effected using links associated with displayed events to Vincent's system in order to allow a user to specify categories of events, to view events belonging to the specified categories from outside sources, and to add selected events from the outside sources to a personal calendar.

As to claim 15, Vincent does not explicitly teach the claimed limitation "wherein first time-period includes a time-period of one specific date, a corresponding time-period on each of a number of week days of a week, or a corresponding time-period on each of a week day of a number of weeks". Barnett teaches time period includes a time period of a date corresponding to a number week days of a week (figs. 9 & 13).

It would have been obvious to a person of an ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to apply Vincent's teaching of time period includes a time period of a date corresponding to a number week days of a week to Vincent's system in order to provide a improve method of scheduling meetings which permits an operator to select desired times, dates and attendees correctly.

As to claim 16, Vincent does not explicitly teach the claimed limitation “including the computer system facilitating the second user in categorizing a meeting, categorizing an appointment, categorizing a reminder, categorizing an event, categorizing an anniversary, categorizing a family event, categorizing a school meeting, and/or categorizing a social event for said first user's calendar”. Barnett teaches categorizing a meeting, an event in calendar of another user as shown in fig. 13. The above information shows it would have been obvious to categorizing different type of events such as school meeting, family event or anniversary (figs. 11-14).

It would have been obvious to a person of an ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to apply Barnett's teaching of categorizing a meeting, an event in calendar of another user to Vincent's system in order to provide a improved method of scheduling meetings which permits an operator to select desired times, dates and attendees correctly.

As to claim 17, Vincent teaches the claimed limitation “wherein granting and/or denying access is further based on an event type of an event to be read from or written into said first time-period by said second user” as (col. 10, lines 40-60).

As to claim 29, Vincent teaches the claimed limitations:

“computer readable medium” as removable storage (col. 6, lines 20-30);

“storage medium” as disk (col. 6, lines 20-25); and
a number of programming instructions stored in the storage medium, and
designed to program an apparatus” as (col. 6, lines 20-35) “to enable the apparatus to
designated a plurality of access privileges to a plurality of time-periods of a first user’s
calendar for a user group and/or user type” as designated a plurality of access levels to
a plurality of time periods of a owner’s calendar for an administrative assistant type and
not for a user group (col. 9, lines 52-67; col. 10, lines 1-10),

“grant and/or deny access to a first of the plurality of time-periods to said second
user in accordance with the access privilege for the first time-period of the user group
and/or type determined for said second user” as grant access to a owner’s calendar of
the plurality of time-periods in accordance with access level 3 for the start time period of
user type and not the user group (col. 10, lines 20-40).

Vincent does not explicitly the claimed limitation “user group, “ that a second user
being a member of said user group and/or type”. Barnett teaches a user can set up a
group calendar, specifying the members in the group, where every group member can
access the calendar and make changes to it. Different levels of access can be specified
for different member members of the group (col. 2, lines 61-64).

It would have been obvious to a person of an ordinary skill in the art at the time
the invention was made to apply Barnett’s teaching of a user can set up a group
calendar, specifying the members in the group, where every group member can access
the calendar and make changes to it. Different levels of access can be specified for
different member members of the group to Vincent’s system in order to allow a user to

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share selected calendar information with other users of a group in a security level access.

As to claim 30, Vincent teaches the claimed limitation “perform said granting and/or denying access based on an event type of an event to be read from or written into said first time-period by said second user” as (fig. 5, col. 10, lines 1-30).

As to claim 31, Vincent teaches the claimed limitation:

“a processor” as processor (col. 5, lines 67-68), and

“a calendar module operated by the processor” as a calendar method operated by processor (col. 5, lines 60-67), and

“adapted to facilitate designating a plurality of access privileges to a plurality of time-periods of a first user's calendar for a user group and/or user type” as designated a plurality of access levels to a plurality of time periods of a owner's calendar for an administrative assistant type and not for a user group (col. 9, lines 52-67; col. 10, lines 1-10),

“granting and/or denying access to a first of the plurality of time-periods to said second user in accordance with the access privilege for the first time-period of the user group and/or type determined for said second user” as grant access to a owner's calendar of the plurality of time-periods in accordance with access level 3 for the start time period of user type and not the user group (col. 10, lines 20-40).

Vincent does not explicitly teach the claimed limitation “determining that a second user being a member of said user group and/or type; user group”. Barnett teaches a user can set up a group calendar, specifying the members in the group, where every group member can access the calendar and make changes to it. Different levels of access can be specified for different member members of the group (col. 2, lines 61-64).

It would have been obvious to a person of an ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to apply Barnett’s teaching of a user can set up a group calendar, specifying the members in the group, where every group member can access the calendar and make changes to it. Different levels of access can be specified for different member members of the group to Vincent’s system in order to allow a user to share selected calendar information with other users of a group in a security level access.

As to claim 32, Vincent teaches the claimed limitation “wherein the calendar module is further adapted to perform said panting and/or denying access based on an event type of an event to be read from or written into said first time-period by said second user” as (col. 10, lines 1-30).

6. Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Vincent (US 4881179) in view of Barnett et al (or hereinafter “Barnett”) (US 6369840) and further in view of Falkenhainer et al (or hereinafter “Falkenhainer”) (US 5930801).

As to claim 7, Vincent teaches the claimed limitation “and an ability viewing an entry in said first time-period” as (fig. 5). Vincent does not explicit teaches the claimed limitation “wherein the access privileges include an access privilege with an ability of writing an entry into said first time-period”. Falkenhainer teaches access privilege with an ability of writing (fig. 2, col. 60-67).

It would have been obvious to a person of an ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to apply Falkenhainer’s teaching of access privilege with an ability of writing to Vincent’s system in order to prevent non-authority user to modify an owner’s calendar without permission.

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure

Brown et al (US 6751626).

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Contact Information

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cam Y T. Truong whose telephone number is (571) 272-4042. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Breene can be reached on (571) 272-4107. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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